



BRIEFING: FEBRUARY 10, 2015 BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEM #3

TO: Chairman Richard and Board Members

FROM: Michelle Boehm, Southern California Regional Director

DATE: February 10, 2015

RE: Consider Awarding the Regional Consultant Contract for Environmental and Engineering Services on the Burbank to Los Angeles/Anaheim Project Section

Background

Pursuant to Board Resolution #HSRA 14-25, approved on September 16, 2014, the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) on October 20, 2014 to procure a new Regional Consultant to provide environmental/engineering services for the Burbank to Anaheim project section (covering the Burbank to Los Angeles and Los Angeles to Anaheim sections) in accordance with the Board's policy on issuance of RFQs. This includes the professional services required for the preparation and completion of the environmental documentation and conceptual engineering.

Corridor Definition

As discussed at previous Board meetings and many public briefings, the Burbank to Los Angeles and Los Angeles to Anaheim project sections have been combined under one contract to better facilitate coordination with active projects sponsored by L.A. Metro (LAUS Master Plan and the Southern California Regional Interconnector Project) by utilizing one environmental/engineering team to coordinate the work/studies that are centralized around LAUS.

Scope

The scope of the Regional Consultant's environmental/engineering services includes:

- Finalizing required planning documentation (a Supplemental Alternatives Analysis or other).
- Completing the project-level Environmental Documentation by year-end 2017 (one for each environmental section).
- Completing 15 percent conceptual engineering with an option for completing preliminary engineering for procurement documents for design-build or other contract documents.

- Supporting preparation of design-build or other form of contract documents.
- Supporting stakeholder and agency coordination consistent with the Authority’s public outreach and participation goals.
- Performing activities required to support the advancement of regional “Bookend” projects.
- Supporting the Authority on an as needed basis in station and station area planning, sustainability, private investment opportunities, phasing and implementation planning.

Discussion

RFQ Process

The RFQ was issued on October 20, 2014, and the subsequent procurement process was managed directly by Authority staff consistent with the State’s competitive procurement process, including Government Code, Sections 4525-4529.5. Two Offeror teams submitted a Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) on December 5, 2014 as follows: (1) AECOM; and (2) STV.

Evaluation Process

The SOQs were analyzed and evaluated by Authority staff in accordance with the Authority’s administrative regulations, policies, and procedures. The Evaluation Selection Committee (ESC) scored the two SOQs pursuant to the criteria contained in the RFQ as outlined below:

	Criteria for Awarding Points for the Statement of Qualifications	Maximum Score	Actual Score
1.	<p>PAST PERFORMANCE AND EXPERIENCE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has the Offeror successfully delivered on past projects of similar scope and complexity? • Has the Offeror successfully delivered on past projects where compensation was tied to performance? 	30	
2.	<p>ORGANIZATION AND KEY PERSONNEL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the proposed project organization present a clear and logical framework? • Is the management approach complementary and responsive to the RFQ requirements? Does the staffing plan convey the proper level of response for the work at hand? • Does it demonstrate a high level of commitment and resource availability? • Does it address the full expanse of potential tasks in the scope? <p>KEY PERSONNEL AND ROLES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are the personal qualifications, professional skills and availability to the project of the project manager, senior professionals and Key Personnel nominees appropriate for the roles assigned? • Is their past experience applicable and indicative of success on this project? • Does the project manager have sufficient authority within his organization to effectively lead and manage the project? 	30	

3.	UNDERSTANDING OF PROJECT REQUIREMENTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has the Offeror demonstrated a thorough knowledge of the project? • Has the Offeror demonstrated a thorough knowledge of what is required to develop preliminary engineering in coordination with CEQA/NEPA documentation and analysis? • Does Offeror have demonstrated experience with delivering clear concise, readable project documentation? • Does the Offeror's Outreach team have demonstrated experience in effectively communicating with the public? • Is there sufficient evidence of analysis to lend credibility to the commitments made? • Has the Offeror given clear evidence through narratives and examples of prior work that it has the capability to carry out the Burbank to Anaheim Corridor Environmental/Engineering Services? 	30	
4.	SMALL BUSINESS PARTICIPATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the approach to Small Business utilization demonstrate the Offeror's responsiveness in meeting the Authority's Small Business goal objectives? Scoring will be based on percentage of goal met. 	10	
5.	SOQ Transmittal Letter signed by an authorized Officer (Pass/Fail – must include but no points scored)	N/A	
Total		100	

Based on these criteria, both of the two Offeror teams, STV and AECOM, were invited to participate in the interviews/discussions held on December 18, 2014 to further the evaluation process and serve as the basis for ranking the Offerors. This process consisted of a presentation from each Offeror team, followed by questions and answers. These discussions/interviews were scored on the following criteria contained in the RFQ:

	Criteria for Evaluation of Discussions/Interviews	Maximum Score	Actual Score
1.	STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS (carry over) SOQ carry over is calculated as follows: Total score on SOQ/100) x 60 possible points = Carry Over Points	60	
2.	PRESENTATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality and appropriateness of the presentation • Logic of the chosen speakers relative to project challenges • Project manager control over the team 	10	
3.	PROJECT MANAGER PARTICIPATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality of presentation and responsiveness to questions • Understanding of Burbank to Anaheim Corridor Environmental/Engineering Services challenges and requirements • Perceived level of involvement with SOQ structure, content and presentation plan 	10	

4.	KEY STAFF PARTICIPATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality of presentations and responsiveness to questions • Understanding of assignment challenges and requirements • Perceived level of involvement with SOQs preparation • Its ability to effectively allocate resources and its capacity to provide excellent service. 	10	
5.	UNDERSTANDING OF PROJECT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does Offeror convey an understanding of the critical project success factors? • Does Offeror have demonstrated experience with delivering clear, concise, readable project documentation? • Does the Offeror's Outreach team have demonstrated experience in effectively communicating with the public? • Is the Offeror able to provide evidence of successful small business utilization for this project • Is the Offeror able to provide evidence of prior project experience with challenges of this magnitude and complexity? • Is the Offeror candid about any project failings that have been instructive for addressing the particular needs of this project? 	10	
Total:		100	

After the entire process was completed, the final consensus scores of the two Offeror teams were as follows: (1) STV – 89.8; and (2) AECOM – 80.7.

Notice and Negotiation Process

As outlined in the RFQ, notice was provided to both teams of their ranking order. Issuance of this notice commenced a five-day period in which unsuccessful teams could protest the Notice of Final Ranking. The five days have expired without protest.

The Authority and STV have conducted limited contract negotiations and an agreement on all key contract terms has been reached. The negotiated contract shall not exceed \$51 million and will include the Board-adopted 30 percent Small and Disadvantaged Business participation goal adopted by the Authority Board of Directors. STV has built enduring relationships with Small Business Enterprises (SBEs), Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs), and Disabled Veterans Business Enterprises (DVBEs) over its more than 100 year history. The Offeror listed the well-qualified teams of Arellano Associates, LLC (DBE), California Watershed Engineering Corporation (S/DBE), Coast Surveying, Inc. (SBE), Cornerstone Studios (SBE), Cross-Spectrum Acoustics, LLC (DBE), D'Leon Consulting Engineers Corporation (DBE), Del Richardson & Associates, Inc. (S/DBE), Diaz Yourman & Associates (S/DBE), Epic Land Solutions (SBE), Galvin Preservation Associates, Inc. (S/DBE), Green Grass Communications (SBE), Gruen Associates (SBE), Kal Krishnan Consulting Services, Inc. (SBE), KOA Corporation (SBE), The LeBaugh Group, Inc. S/DVBE, LIN Consulting, Inc. (S/DBE), Vibro-Acoustics Consultants, Inc. (SBE), VMA Communications (S/DBE), Wagner Engineering & Surveying, Inc. (SBE) and ZMassociates, Inc. (S/DVBE). In its Statement of Qualifications, STV will ensure its goals are met for this project through rigorous tracking and reporting.

The contract will also include dynamic performance metrics to incentivize the achievement of significant environmental milestones as soon as possible. By affording Authority staff the ability to manage this contract in a flexible fashion, the Board is ensuring that the contractor will be held accountable for key deliverables and that taxpayer dollars will be protected.

STV is a leading firm offering environmental and engineering services throughout the United States and Canada. STV provides planning, environmental, design, program and construction management, and specialty services for the transportation, design-build, institutional and commercial building, advanced technology, industrial, and defense markets. The company has vast experience in providing environmental and engineering services that are expected under this contract on projects such as:

- Northeastern Corridor Infrastructure Improvements
- California High-speed Rail Project, (Multiple Sections)
- Northwest High Speed Rail Corridor
- Colton Crossing Rail to Rail Improvements
- Anaheim Regional Intermodal Transportation Center (ARTIC)

Recommendation

It is the recommendation of Authority staff that the Board award the Regional Consultant Contract for Environmental/Engineering Services on the Burbank to Los Angeles/Anaheim project section to STV not to exceed the amount of \$51 million. If approved by the Board, the CEO or his authorized designee, on behalf of the Authority, would then finalize and execute the contract with STV.

Attachments

– Draft Resolution #HSRA 15-03